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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Applicant(s): Jerry C. Trippe, et al.

Invention: HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYMER ADDITIVE FOR COATING AND PROTECTIVE PRODUCTS

### TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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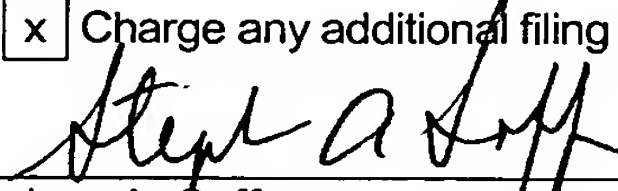
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Art Unit: 1755

For: HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYMER  
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Examiner: A. Green

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 21, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects the species indicated by the Examiner as Group IV, claims 12-13, with traverse.

The Examiner indicates that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention and requires an election of one for continued prosecution: I) claims 1-4 and 10-11, drawn to coating fibers and fabric, classified in class 252, subclass 8.61+, II) claims 5-6, drawn to a method of producing a wood treatment product, classified in class 106, subclass 15.05 and/or class 424, subclass 762, III) claims 7-9, drawn to method of enhancing viscoelasticity of sunscreen formulations, classified in class 424, subclass 59, IV) claims 12-13, drawn to a method of providing an automobile polish and paint sealer, classified in class 106, subclass 3, V) claims 14-15, drawn to a method of providing a rust remover, classified in class 106,

subclass 14.05, VI) claims 16-17, drawn to a method of providing a leather treatment product, classified in class 252, subclass 8.57.

Applicant notes that MPEP § 803 provides that “[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on its merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.”

Claims 1-17 all relate to methods of coating materials with treating compositions containing ultrahigh molecular weight polymers, particularly ultrahigh molecular weight polyisobutylene. In addition, Group IV contains only claims 12-13, which represent only two out of all 17 submitted claims. Thus, even if claims 1-11 and 14-17 were directed to independent or distinct inventions, it is clear that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden.

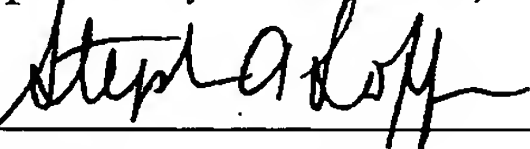
In view of the above, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all claims should be examined.

By an accompanying Amendment, claims 18-21 have been added, which are submitted to be directed to the species of provisionally elected Group IV.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.